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FOR INR DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAVID MARK; FROM AMBASSADOR RIVERO

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SUBJ: PRESS SEMINAR ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

1. EMBASSY ORGANIZING WEEKEND SEMINAR ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR UP TO 40 OF SPAIN'S LEADING POLITICAL, INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS. OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE INFLUENTIAL NEWS COMMENTATORS AND ANALYSTS WITH A BROADER AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. AMONG THEMES TO BE TREATED ARE 1) ATLANTIC COMMUNITY RELATIONS, 2) EAST-WEST RELATIONS, 3) U.S.-SPANISH RELATIONS, 4) U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY, 5) U.S. POLICY RE OTHER WORLD AREAS AND 6) MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY.

2. WE EXPECT TO GIVE IN-DEPTH TREATMENT TO FIRST FOUR SUBJECTS AND SUMMARY TREATMENT TO LAST TWO. PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO ASK IF YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HEAD DISCUSSION ON U.S. POLICY IN OTHER WORLD AREAS AND, IF SO, INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR. THE REQUIREMENT WOULD BE TO GIVE A 30 TO 45 MINUTE SUMMARY OF HOW U.S. POLICY RELATES TO ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, ALSO POSSIBLY BUT NOT NECESSARILY TOUCH ON U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. YOUR PRESENTATION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES. WE HAVE SOME EMBASSY EXPERTISE ON LATIN AMERICA AND COULD PROVIDE

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ASSISTANCE IN THAT AREA IF NEEDED: OTHERWISE KNOWLEDGEABLE

BUT BRIEF OVERVIEW OF U.S. POLICY, ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES
IN EACH OF THE AREAS AND HOW THEY FIT INTO OVERALL
CONTEXT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WOULD SUFFICE. HIGHLY
DETAILED AND TECHNICAL PRESENTATION IS NOT NEEDED.

3. SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT A RESORT HOTEL 25 MILES
FROM MADRID WEEKEND MARCH 22, 23, 24. THE DISCUSSION
ON U.S. POLICY IN OTHER WORLD AREAS IS SCHEDULED FOR
AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, MARCH 23. IT CAN BE CHANGED TO
SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR SCHEDULE.

4. OTHER CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS ARE AMBASSADOR
GREENWALD AND USNATO OFFICIALS WILLIAM PRENDERGAST
AND ROBERT GOLDWIN: INVITATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO
AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WELLS STABLER.

5. EMBASSY, THROUGH USIS, IS PREPARED TO COVER TRAVEL
AND PER DIEM EXPENSES.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING ME AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION
AND WE CAN FIRMLY COUNT ON YOUR PARTICIPATION. BEST
REGARDS.
RIVERO

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